

Culture medium for detection of *Dekkera* and *Brettanomyces***ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a generic culture medium for the detection and enumeration of yeasts belonging to the *Dekkera* and *Brettanomyces* genera and a method for the detection and enumeration of said yeasts using said culture medium. According to the invention, the method comprises adding to a base yeast culture medium, a non fermentable energy source, particularly ethanol, *p*-cumaric acid, as an aromatic compound promoting ~~substrate~~substrate, exclusively produced by said yeast genera, an acid-base indicator, particularly bromocresol green, a yeast growth inhibitor antibiotic, particularly cycloheximide, and a bacterial growth inhibiting antibiotic, particularly chloramphenicol and/or oxytetracycline. When yeasts of the genera *Dekkera* and *Brettanomyces* are cultivated in said medium, the developed colonies show a characteristic color, the culture medium color changes according a reproducible pattern, due to the decrease in pH, and a characteristic phenol-like aroma is developed, easily detectable by smell after a few days of incubation, which allows their detection and enumeration. The invention is useful in the detection and enumeration of yeasts belonging to the *Dekkera* and *Brettanomyces* genera in the food and beverage industry, allowing its inclusion in yeast identification galleries.